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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION: ITEM 7 -- ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND
CULTURAL RIGHTS

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1. AT ITS FEBRUARY 21 SESSION THE HRC COMPLETED
ACTION ON AGENDA ITEM 7 AND ADOPTED THE IRANIAN RESOLUTION
PREVIOUSLY TRANSMITTED REF (B) WITH A FEW MINOR CHANGES.

2. THE LANGUAGE SUGGESTED BY DEPT. (REF. A) WAS
DISCUSSED INFORMALLY WITH THE CO-SPONSORS WHO RESISTED
ANY FURTHER CHANGES. AS ALL OTHER ESTERN DELEGATIONS
HAD ALREADY INFORMED THE CO-SPONSORS OF THEIR WILLINGNESS
TO SUPPORT THE RESOLUTION, U.S. NEGOTIATING LEVERAGE WAS
SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCED.

3. USDEL, THEREFORE, MADE AN EXTENSIVE EXPLANATION
OF VOTE, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE GENERAL THRUST OF
THE RESOLUTION WHICH TRIES TO FIND AN APPROACH
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DIFFERENT FROM THE POLARIZED VIEW OF THE TWO SETS OF
RIGHTS, I.E., CIVIL, POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC, SOCIAL
AND CULTURAL. USDEL STRESSED THAT U.S. DOES NOT
SUPPORT THE THEORY THAT THERE IS A TRADE-OFF BETWEEN
THE TWO SETS OF RIGHTS, WHICH IMPLIES JUSTIFICATION
FOR WITHHOLDING ONE WHILE ATTEMPTING TO IMPLEMENT THE
OTHER, AND EMPHASIZED THE NEED TO SET PRIORITIES IN

BOTH AREAS, TO FOCUS, FOR EXAMPLE, ON BOTH HUNGER AND TORTURE AT THE SAME TIME. USDEL CONCLUDED WITH EXPLANATION THAT U.S. WOULD ABSTAIN ON THE RESOLUTION BECAUSE OF FAILURE TO ACHIEVE MORE BALANCED PHRASING, BUT THE U.S. WILL COMMIT ITS ENERGIES TO THE QUEST FOR A FORMULA TO SEEK SOLUTION TO PROBLEMS WHICH UNDERLINE THE RESOLUTION. IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT ALL VOTING POSITIONS WERE KNOWN, AND U.S. WAS ALONE IN PLANNING TO ABSTAIN, USDEL DID NOT CALL FOR A FORMAL VOTE BUT ASKED THAT U.S. ABSTENTION BE MADE A MATTER OF RECORD. HRC THEN ADOPTED THE RESOLUTION WITHOUT A VOTE.

4. OTHER WESTERN DELEGATIONS MADE EXPLANATIONS OF VOTE BEFORE THE VOTE, STRESSING THEIR INTERPRETATION THAT RES. DOES NOT IMPLY THAT IMPLEMENTATION OF ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS IS A PRE-CONDITION FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS. UK, ITALY AND FRG ALSO MADE RESERVATIONS ON OPERATIVE PARA. 4, NOTING THAT THE CONCEPT OF "THE RIGHT TO DEVELOPMENT" NEEDS FURTHER CLARIFICATION, PARTICULARLY ON WHETHER IT APPLIES TO INDIVIDUALS OR TO NATIONS. THE DELEGATION OF URUGUAY NOTED THAT THE PROPOSED STUDY GOES BEYOND THE SCOPE AND MANDATE OF UNESCO AND WOULD INTERFERE WITH EFFORTS MADE AT THE 19TH GENERAL CONFERENCE TO DEPOLITICIZE UNESCO.

5. EASTERN EUROPEANS, I.E., USSR, BYELORUSSIAN-SSR, BULGARIA AND THE POLISH OBSERVER, REPEATED THEIR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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VIEW THAT HUMAN RIGHTS CAN BE REALIZED ONLY IN CONDITIONS OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY AND REGRETTED THAT THE RESOLUTION MADE NO MENTION OF THAT POINT. THEY ALSO STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH 5 ON DISARMAMENT, NOTING THAT IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN "STRENGTHENED" TO STATE THAT DISARMAMENT IS A PRE-CONDITION FOR REALIZATION OF ALL RIGHTS. CATTO

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